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SUBJECT: AFGHANISTAN SITUATION REPORT (JANUARY 4 - 12)

REF: A) KABUL 2214, B) KABUL 2242

1. (U) FOR ISLAMABAD AND NEW DELHI: YOU MAY WISH TO

DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING IN BRIEFING PRESS.

2. SUMMARY:

A. (U) TO BE BRIEFED TO PRESS: MULTIPLE REPORTS CLAIM

THAT MUJAHIDIN FOR SEVERAL DAYS DURING THE WEEK ENDED

THE LOGAR ROAD, THE PRINCIPAL SUPPLY ROUTE FROM KABUL

FOR SOVIET AND RA UNITS FIGHTING AT ACOST. MUJAHIDIN

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HAVE OVERRUN SOME NEWLY ESTABLISHED POSTS ALONG THE
KOSAR ROAD. FURTHER SOUTH, SOVIET AND RA FORCES ARE
CONSTRUCTING POSTS ALONG THE GARDEZ-TO-KHOST ROAD UNDER
MUSAHIDIN FIRE. APPARENT SOVIET INTENT TO TRY TO HOLD
THE ROAD SUGGESTS A SOVIET STRATEGY ARISING FROM
POLITICAL REQUIREMENTS, AND NOT EXCLUSIVELY MILITARY
CONCERNS. MODERATE FIGHTING IS REPORTED TO THE NORTH,
WEST AND SOUTH OF KABUL. MUSAHIDIN-INITIATED OPERATIONS
ARE REPORTED IN SHAZNI, JARDAR, HERAT AND PANDAHAR.
SOVIET FORCES HAVE LAUNCHED OPERATIONS IN SHAZNI AND
KANGARHAR. SECURITY IN KABUL REMAINED TIGHT THROUGH THE
WEEK THOUGH THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS IN THE CITY WAS DOWN
SLIGHTLY. SHEVARDNAZE'S TWO-DAY VISIT TO KABUL
PUBLICLY EMPHASIZED SOVIET INTENT TO BIND AFGHANISTAN TO
THE SOVIET UNION THROUGH A WEB OF ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS
IMPOSED ON THE CURRENT RUSSIAN REGIME. SOURCES REPORT
ISMAIILLAH MUSLIM RETURNED TO KABUL FROM THE SOVIET

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UNION LAST WEEK. THE IRANIAN EMBASSY CLAIMS TO HAVE
OVER 152 PRISONERS IN AFGHANISTAN. ERMACORA'S LATEST
VISIT TO AFGHANISTAN HAS INCLUDED EXTENSIVE TRAVEL TO
REGIME-CONTROLLED AREAS AND A SEEMINGLY ENDLESS ROUND OF
CALLS ON OFFICIALS OR ATTENDANCE AT REGIME-ORGANIZED
MEETINGS. ERMACORA DID NOT INTEND TO VISIT ANY REGIME
PRISONS OR PRISONERS. ICRC SOURCES IN KABUL HAVE
CONFIRMED THAT REGIME OFFICIALS HAVE PROVIDED VERBAL

ASSURANCES REGARDING THE LAUNCHING OF ICRC VISITS TO
PRISONERS FEBRUARY 2, BUT HAVE NOT BEEN WILLING TO SIGN
AN AGREEMENT TO THAT EFFECT. DESPITE SIMILAR ASSURANCES
BY PRIME MINISTER RESAYDAN IN JANUARY 1987, THE ICRC
HAS NOT BEEN PERMITTED TO MAKE PRISON VISITS ON ITS
TERMS IN AFGHANISTAN.

1. (C) NOT TO BE BRIEFED TO PRESS: FOREIGN MINISTER
RA IS REPORTEDLY CLAIMING THE NEW REGIME WITHDRAWAL
TIMELINE IS TEN MONTHS. SHEVARDNAZE FOUND A BADLY
FRAGMENTED PARTY DURING HIS VISIT, WITH SENIOR
LEADERS PRESSING TO CONTINUE THE WAR AND OTHER SENIOR
PARTY FIGURES AVOIDING PARTY AFFAIRS ALTOGETHER.
DURING HIS VISIT, SHEVARDNAZE ALSO MET WITH SENIOR
SOVIET MILITARY FIGURES.

A NEW SOVIET-BUILT REFINERY IN MAZAR-I-
SHARIF HAS BEGUN OPERATION. RA-VIETNAMESE AGREEMENT
ON EXCHANGES OF DELEGATIONS AND VIETNAMESE TRAINING
OF PIRA AND MILITARY CADET SUGGEST A JOINT EXPANSION
OF TIES. THE VIETNAMESE AND RA REPORTEDLY ALSO
DISCUSSED AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NATIONAL
RECONCILIATION.

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(U) LAKE CITY DEVELOPMENTS: WHILE SECURITY IN
LAKE REMAINED HIGH, AS EVIDENCED BY MOVING ARMOR
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TELEPHONALLY (JANUARY 4) PROMPTED EXTENSIVE SOVIET
DEFENSIVE MEASURES INCLUDING AN AERIAL ESCORT ON ARRIVAL
AND DEPARTURE CONSISTING EIGHT HELICOPTERS AND SEVERAL
SU-26'S WHICH LAUNCHED PARACHUTE FLARES NORTH AND SOUTH
OF THE CITY. CITY STREETS WERE BLOCKED OFF BY SOVIET
ARMORED VEHICLES AS THE MOTORCADE, WHICH INCLUDED A
BLACK ELITE, SPED FROM THE AIRPORT. SOVIET ARMOR
DEPLOYED TO THE BAKULAYAN AREA FIVE HOURS BEFORE
KARABAGH'S ARRIVAL WITH BMP'S AND PTR'S POSITIONED
ALONG THE MAIN ROAD AT 225 METER INTERVALS. DIPLOMATS
RE LATERALS REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING INCIDENTS:

-- JANUARY 10: AT 2125, DIPLOMATS HEARD SMALL ARMS FIRE
IN KARTE PAKHAN AND AT 2145, TWO EXPLOSIONS IN THE CITY
CENTER.

-- JANUARY 11: FROM BEFORE MIDNIGHT TO THE PRE-DAWN
HOURS, RA STR'S WERE IN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AT THE
SOUTHERN TERMINUS OF THE SALAM ROAD AND AT THE

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ADVISING OF THE SALAM ROAD. RA SECURITY
CHECKPOINTS WERE VERY AGGRESSIVE HALTING VEHICLES AT
MOMENTS. SOVIET ARMOR WAS DEPLOYED OVERNIGHT IN KARTE
PAKHAN.

-- JANUARY 11: AT 2232, THREE LARGE EXPLOSIONS,
APPARENTLY CAUSED BY INCOMING ROCKETS WERE HEARD IN
BAKULAYAN. AT 2347, TWO MORE EXPLOSIONS WERE HEARD IN
THE SAME AREA.

-- JANUARY 11: AT 2345, A DIPLOMAT REPORTS FIVE OR SIX

ROCKETS STRUCK NORTHERN ABUL. SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS
HEARD IMMEDIATELY AFTER.

-- JANUARY 11: MACHINE GUN AND LARGER WEAPONS FIRE WAS
HEARD IN NORTH ABUL AFTER MIDNIGHT. AT 2225, SMALL
ARMS FIRE WAS HEARD IN KARTE PAKHAN.

-- JANUARY 11: BETWEEN 2343 AND 2347, DIPLOMATS REPORT
THREE EXPLOSIONS PROBABLY CAUSED BY INCOMING ROCKETS
IN NORTH ABUL. AT 1537, TWO EXPLOSIONS WERE HEARD IN
BAKULAYAN.

-- JANUARY 11: AT APPROXIMATELY 1445, TWO BLASTS WERE
HEARD AND SEEN IN CENTRAL ABUL. ONE WAS ON THE EAST
SIDE OF MOH-I-ASMAI ("TELEVISION HILL"), THE OTHER BELOW
THE HILL. FLAMES WERE SEEN FOR SEVERAL MINUTES SEEDING
FROM THE SITE OF THE UPPER EXPLOSION. SMOKE FROM THE
FIRES FORMED A DOME OVER THE CITY CENTER. REPORTS VARY
AS TO THE CAUSE OF THE EXPLOSIONS, WITH SOME INDICATING
THEY WERE CAUSED BY TWO INCOMING ROCKETS AND ANOTHER,
TWO BOMBS. MULTIPLE REPORTS CLAIM SEVERAL HOUSES
DESTROYED AND SEVERAL PEOPLE KILLED.

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-- PROVINCE DEVELOPMENTS --

1. (U) KABUL PROVINCE: FIGHTING CONTINUES IN THE
SOUTHERN PROMPTING A LIMITED MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES INTO
KABUL. MUJAHIDIN CONTINUE TO ATTACK RA POSITIONS IN THE

PAGHMAN AREA, WEST OF KABUL. FIGHTING NEAR THE SOVIET..
40TH ARMY HEADQUARTERS SOUTH OF KABUL, REPORTEDLY TOOK..
FIVE LIVES.

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MUJAHIDIN IN THE AREA FLED THE FIGHTING TO KABUL. ON JANUARY 6, A RELIABLE DIPLOMAT REPORTS, MUJAHIDIN ATTACHED AN RA POST IN SHAKAR DARREH (34°41'N 69°01'E) KILLING TWO REGIMENT TROOPS. AFGHANS REPORT CHRONIC FIGHTING IN THE SHAKAR DARREH AND GOL DARREH (34°20'N 69°05'E) AREAS.

KABUL WEST: ON JANUARY 7, MUJAHIDIN OVERRAN FOUR POSTS IN THE PASHMAN AREA: AT BALADAN, BEATUT, NEAR PASHMAN TOWN AND AT AN UNKNOWN LOCATION. A RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTS ARTILLERY TO THE NORTH OF KARGHA LAKE AND HEAVY SMALL ARMS FIRE TO THE WEST FROM 0900 TO 1000.

KABUL SOUTH: ON THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 6, FIGHTING ERUPTED IN THE VICINITY OF THE SOVIET 42TH ARMY HEADQUARTERS SOUTH OF DARULAMAN. ACCORDING TO AN AFGHAN RESIDENT OF THE AREA, FIVE PERSONS WERE KILLED.

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(U) PAKTIA-LOGAR: TWO AFGHANS REPORT MUJAHIDIN CUT THE LOGAR ROAD, THE MAIN SUPPLY ROUTE FOR SOVIET AND RA FORCES FIGHTING IN THE KHOST-GARDEZ AREA FOR SEVERAL DAYS DURING THE WEEK. ONE SOURCE PLACES THE BLOCK AT JAL-KAB, NEAR SEARTH (33°58'N 69°23'E). REPORTEDLY THE MUJAHIDIN TOOK POSITIONS NEAR OR ON THE ROAD JANUARY 7 AND HAVE PREVENTED CONVOYS FROM USING THE ROAD SINCE. NO CONVOYS HAVE BEEN SEEN TO MOVE SOUTH ON THE ROAD FROM JANUARY 8 TO JANUARY 10, A BREAK IN A PATTERN OF

VIRTUALLY DAILY SOVIET/RA CONVOY ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES IN RECENT WEEKS. (A SOVIET ARMORED CONVOY MOVED SOUTH ON THE ROAD AT 0600, JANUARY 11.) ALSO LENDING CREDENCE TO THE REPORTED TEMPORARY CUT OF THE ROAD, CONVOY ACTIVITY DURING THE WEEK WAS HEAVY ON THE ONLY ALTERNATE ROUTE TO GARDEZ --- SOUTH ON THE KABUL-TO-LANDAKHAR ROUTE TO BAZAI THEN EAST TO GARDEZ. THE ROUTE IS MUCH LONGER AND TRAVELERS WARDAK, AN AREA OF FREQUENT MUJAHIDIN ATTACKS. (SEE PARA 6 FOR REPORT OF A JANUARY 7 CONVOY REPORT ON THIS ROUTE.) AMONG THE CONVOYS MOVING ON THE KABUL-TO-LANDAKHAR ROAD, ONE SOVIET CONVOY WAS OBSERVED DEPARTING UNUSUALLY EARLY IN THE MORNING (0230) JANUARY 10, AND ANOTHER WAS OBSERVED RETURNING AFTER DARK (1900) JANUARY 8, SUGGESTING LONG TRANSITS FOR BOTH CONVOYS -- POSSIBLY TO PAKTIA. A THIRD AFGHAN ALSO REPORTS THAT THE REGIME IS USING THE KABUL-TO-LANDAKHAR ROUTE TO TRANSPORT TROOPS AND SUPPLIES. THIS SOURCE CLAIMS THE REGIME IS MEETING LITTLE RESISTANCE ON THE BAZAI-TO-PAKTIA PORTION OF THE ROUTE. REFUELS AND PREVIOUS MESSAGES REPORTED LARGE NUMBERS OF MUJAHIDIN MOVING INTO LOGAR TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE LOGAR ROAD. IN SPECIFIC LOGAR ACTION, A RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTS MUJAHIDIN DESTROYED TWO RA POSTS NEAR SEADON, NORTH OF

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SUB-I-ALAM. IN THE ATTACKS, 20 REGIMENT TROOPS WERE
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FROM GARDIZ TO KHOST. THE CONSTRUCTION WORK HAS PROCEEDED UNDER HARASSING MUJAHIDIN FIRE. MUJAHIDIN REPORTEDLY ALSO ARE ATTACKING SOVIET AND REGIME FORCES ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH POSTS ON HIGH GROUND. IN OTHER DEVELOPMENTS RELATED TO THE PARTIA FIGHTING, AN AFGHAN REPORTS 72-83 REGIME ROUNDED WERE FLOWN BACK TO KABUL ON THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 3. ANOTHER REPORT CLAIMS THAT SOVIET FORCES IN THE PARTIA FIGHTING NUMBER 22,220. REPORTS FROM KHOST ITSELF ARE SCANT. ONE WELL-SOURCED SOURCE CLAIMS ADDITIONAL MUJAHIDIN ARE ENTERING THE BATTLE TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE SOVIET FORCES ATTEMPTING TO KEEP THE GARDIZ-IC-KHOST ROAD OPEN. (COMMENT: IF TRUE, REPORTS THAT THE SOVIETS AND REGIME FORCES ARE ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH POSTS ALONG THE GARDIZ TO KHOST ROAD SUGGEST THAT THE SOVIETS INTEND TO DEFEND THE ROUTE THROUGH THE WINTER. THIS WILL BE A COSLY AND POSSIBLY RISKY ENTERPRISE, AND APPEARS TO BE MOTIVATED BY PERCEIVED POLITICAL AS WELL AS MILITARY REQUIREMENTS. THE SOVIETS AND REGIME FORCES IN SIMILAR SITUATIONS IN THE PAST,

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HAVE FOUGHT THEIR WAY THROUGH TO BESIEGED GARRISONS TO RESUPPLY THEM FOR WINTER, THEN RETREATED UNTIL THE SPRING. APPARENT SOVIET INTENT TO KEEP THE LAND ROUTE TO KHOST OPEN MAY REFLECT SOVIET DETERMINATION NOT TO

ALLOW THE MUJAHIDIN TO SCORE A PROPAGANDA COUP IN ADVANCE OF THE UPCOMING GENEVA PROXIMITY TALKS BY CLOSING THE ROUTE ONCE AGAIN. END COMMENT)

6. (U) GHAZNI: ACCORDING TO TRAVELLERS, THE KABUL TO KANDAHAR ROAD WAS CLOSED JANUARY 3 AND 4 AT QARABASH BECAUSE OF SOVIET OPERATIONS IN THE AREA THAT INCLUDED HEAVY BOMBING. AN AFGHAN REPORTS THAT MUJAHIDIN DESTROYED TWO REGIME POSTS AT BANDE SARDEN (33°17'N 62°39'E).

7. (U) KANDAHAR:--TRAVELLERS FROM KANDAHAR REPORT CURRENT HEAVY BOMBING OF THE MAHALAJAT AREA BY AIRCRAFT FLYING AT VERY HIGH ALTITUDE, OFTEN AT NIGHT. KANDAHARIS REPORT THAT THERE IS FIGHTING INSIDE KANDAHAR CITY MOST NIGHTS AND THAT FIGHTING OUTSIDE THE CITY CAN BE HEARD DAILY. GOODS CONTINUE TO FLOW INTO KANDAHAR VIA THE SPIN BULDAK ROAD AND FOOD IS GENERALLY AVAILABLE ALTHOUGH EXPENSIVE. MUTTON COSTS 450 AFS PER KG (COMPARED WITH 375 AFS PER KG IN KABUL), BEEF SELLS AT 350 AFS PER KG (200 AFS PER KG IN KABUL), AND FLOUR SELLS AT 35 AFS PER KG (35 AFS PER KG IN KABUL). THE KABUL-TO-KANDAHAR ROAD REMAINS DANGEROUS FOR SOVIET AND REGIME CONVOYS WITH THE MOST DIFFICULT PORTION IN KANDAHAR PROVINCE. SINCE LATE DECEMBER, MUJAHIDIN HAVE OVERSEEN APPROXIMATELY SIX REGIME POSTS IN THE KANDAHAR CUTTER

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DEFENSE KING. ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 6, MUJAHIDIN AND
LOCAL FORCES FOUGHT A MAJOR BATTLE AT ZALASEAN (31°32'N
65°13'E) IN WHICH SOVIET FORCES LOST 20 VEHICLES.
RECENT ARRIVALS FROM LANDAKAR CONFIRM EARLIER REPORTS
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MUJAHIDIN IN THE AREA ARE SHOWING GREATER COOPERATION THAN IN THE PAST, EVEN FORMING JOINT UNITS COMPRISING TROOPS OF VARIOUS GROUPS.

1. (U) KAPEER: A RELIABLE DIPLOMAT REPORTS THAT ON JANUARY 1, MUJAHIDIN ATTACKED FIVE POSTS IN THE KHYEDABAD (33°39'N 66°43'E) AREA KILLING SIX DRA TROOPS, WOUNDING AND CAPTURING TWO OTHERS AND KILLING ONE OFFICER. ON JANUARY 7, MUJAHIDIN AMBUSHED A SOVIET CONVOY AT KIALI TAPET (34°N 66°E, A PASS ON THE KAPEER-TO-KANDAHAR ROAD, 40 KMS SOUTHWEST OF KAPEER).

2. (U) KANGARHAR: SOVIET AND REGIME FORCES HAVE ESTABLISHED SEVERAL POSTS AT GARDAY GHOS (TEN MINUTES DRIVE WEST OF TOURKHAM). DURING THE WEEK, MUJAHIDIN ATTACKED TWO OF THESE POSTS KILLING THREE REGIME TROOPS AND DESTROYING A JEEP. SOVIET AND REGIME FORCES REPORTEDLY HAVE BEEN SHELLING SUSPECTED MUJAHIDIN CONCENTRATIONS IN THE SPIN GEAR AREA (33°52'N 70°25'E).

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SINCE EARLY JANUARY. CIVILIAN HOMES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED AND SOME CIVILIANS WOUNDED OR KILLED.

12. (U) HERAT: A DIPLOMAT OF UNDETERMINED RELIABILITY REPORTS THAT FIGHTING IS UNDERWAY TO THE WEST OF HERAT CITY. ON JANUARY 2, ACCORDING TO THE SAME SOURCE, MUJAHIDIN OVERRAN THREE POSTS IN THE HERAT OUTER DEFENSE

LINE, KILLING THREE REGIME TROOPS.

11. (U) POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

A. SHEVARDNAZEV VISITS KABUL: IN AN UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENT, SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER SHEVARDNAZEV VISITED KABUL, JANUARY 4-5. DESPITE A RELATIVELY BRIEF STOP IN KABUL, SHEVARDNAZEV MET INDIVIDUALLY WITH MANY OF THE PARTY ELITE. THE SEPARATE MEETINGS IMPLIED INDIVIDUAL MESSAGES TO EACH PARTY FIGURE, PRESUMABLY TO ENHANCE UNITY AND POSSIBLY TO CONVEY A MOSCOW DECISION. THERE IS SPECULATION THAT THE DISPATCH OF A SENIOR SOVIET PARTY AND STATE FIGURE MAY HAVE BEEN NECESSARY IN ORDER TO ASSURE THE SOVIET MESSAGE WAS PROPERLY RECEIVED. IN A DEPARTURE INTERVIEW, SHEVARDNAZEV DEVOTED MUCH ATTENTION TO ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN CENTRAL, PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL ENTITIES IN AFGHANISTAN AND THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN THE SOVIET UNION. AS SECURITY HAS LONG PRECLUDED IMPLEMENTATION OF MOST OF THESE AGREEMENTS, HIS FOCUS ON THEM NOW SUGGESTS THEY MAY HAVE SOME ROLE IN SOVIET STRATEGY IN THE LEAD-UP TO THE NEXT ROUND OF GENEVA PROXIMITY TALKS.

B. ESMATULLAH MUSLIM: TURNED UP: MUJAHIDIN COMMANDER: ESMATULLAH MUSLIM, WOUNDED IN A NOVEMBER-82 SHOOTOUT IN KABUL, REPORTEDLY RETURNED TO KABUL FROM MOSCOW DURING

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THE FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY.

C. TEMPERANCE CAMPAIGN: AN AFGHAN WITH GOOD CONTACTS

REPORTS THAT REGIME AND PARTY OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN

INSTRUCTED TO AVOID DRINKING AT SOCIAL FUNCTIONS AND TO

BE MORE CLOSED MOUTH ABOUT REGIME AND PARTY PROBLEMS.
THE CAMPAIGN REPORTEDLY IS NOT MEETING WITH MUCH SUCCESS.
D. CORRUPTION AT THE TRADE BAZAAR: AFGHANS REPORT STAFF...
AT THE AFGHAN TRADE BAZAAR ARE INCREASINGLY CORRUPT AND

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RECENTLY VISITING THE BANK NOTED, FOR THE FIRST TIME, SOVIETS IN MONEY-HANDLING AREAS OF THE BANK.

11. IRANIAN PRISONERS: THE IRANIAN EMBASSY CLAIMS THAT OVER 150 IRANIAN NATIONALS ARE HELD IN RA JAILS.

12. MINISTRY OF STATE SECURITY ROLE AND POWER GROW: THE MINISTRY OF STATE SECURITY, HAD, FORMERLY AND STILL GENERALLY REFERRED TO AS HEAD, REPORTEDLY IS EXPANDING STAFF AND FACILITIES FOLLOWING THE DISMISSAL OF A LARGE NUMBER OF ARMY SUPPORTERS FROM ITS RANKS. THE MINISTRY IS DESCRIBED AS ONE OF THE LARGEST IF NOT THE LARGEST MINISTRY, WITH A NETWORK OF AGENTS AND INFORMERS THAT REACHES INTO VIRTUALLY ALL REGIME OFFICES. WHEREAS SALARIES IN MOST OF THE REGIME BUREAUCRACY ARE VERY LOW, WITH EVEN DIRECTORS RECEIVING LESS THAN 12,222 AFGEANIS PER MONTH (APPROXIMATELY 52 US DOLLARS), SIMILAR

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PERSONNEL LEVELS AT HAD RECEIVE CONSIDERABLY MORE.

12. (U) SOVIETIZATION:

A. REGIME MILITARY PERSONNEL TO THE SOVIET UNION: AN AFGHAN REPORTS THAT ON JANUARY 3, APPROXIMATELY 320 KAPANDOI TROOPS WENT TO TASELANT FOR A SIX MONTH TRAINING COURSE. ON JANUARY 5, 32 RA MILITARY OFFICERS REPORTEDLY WERE SENT TO THE SOVIET UNION, REPORTEDLY FOR ADVANCED TRAINING. ALSO DURING THE WEEK, 25 WOUNDED

RA OFFICERS AND NCO'S WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE SOVIET UNION AND EAST GERMANY FOR MEDICAL CARE.

B. SOVIET ADVISORS WITH TRAVELLING REGIME DELEGATIONS: MEMBERS OF A DELEGATION FROM THE RA CENTRAL BANK AND THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE WHICH RECENTLY TRAVELLED TO A WORLD BANK CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON HAVE COMPLAINED TO CONTACTS THAT THEY HAD NO INDEPENDENCE BUT ONLY FOLLOWED ORDERS FROM THEIR SOVIET ADVISORS. FRUSTRATION REPORTEDLY EXTENDS TO THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL.

13. (U) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS:

A. THE AFGHANI CONTINUES TO WEAKEN: THE AFGHANI CONTINUED ITS SLIDE, TRADING AT 199 AFGHANIS TO THE U.S. DOLLAR ON JANUARY 12.

B. REGIME LOAN PLAN FOR ENTREPRENEURS CRITICIZED: A BUSINESSMAN COMPLAINED THAT REGIME LOANS TO ENTREPRENEURS THROUGH THE COMMERCE MINISTRY'S INVESTMENT COMMITTEE ENTAIL INTRUSIVE INVOLVEMENT OF THE REGIME IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE ENTERPRISE RANGING FROM EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE RELATIONS TO THE MOST MUNDANE BUSINESS DECISIONS. THE REGIME NONETHELESS OFFERS SIGNIFICANT

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INCENTIVES FOR BUSINESSES TO ACCEPT LOANS AND THE STRONG

REGIME HAND IN THEIR AFFAIRS. SOME FOREIGN EQUIPMENT

PURCHASED WITH REGIME LOANS IS EXEMPT FROM CERTAIN

TARIFFS. MANY BUSINESSMEN HOWEVER, CHOOSE TO SIMPLY

BRIBE CUSTOMS OFFICIALS WHO RECLASSIFY EQUIPMENT IN
LOWER TARIFF CATEGORIES, RATHER THAN SEEK REGIME LOANS...

C. REGIME SENDS ECONOMIC MISSPENS ABROAD: A
WELL-PLACED SOURCE FAMILIAR WITH THE MINISTRY OF

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COMMERCE CLAIMS THAT DELEGATIONS OF REGIME OFFICIALS HAVE TRAVELLED TO WESTERN COUNTRIES IN RECENT MONTHS TO PROMOTE TRADE AND BUSINESS. THE DELEGATIONS, WHICH HAVE RECEIVED NO MEDIA COVERAGE, HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO CONTACT INDIVIDUAL BUSINESSES, CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND FOREIGN GOVERNMENT TRADE OFFICIALS. DELEGATIONS ARE DUE TO TRAVEL TO JAPAN, WESTERN EUROPE AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. (COMMENT: THESE TRIPS APPEAR TO BE AIMED AT INCREASING AFGHAN EXPORTS AND BOOSTING FOREIGN CURRENCY EARNINGS. GIVEN POOR SECURITY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, FOREIGN INVESTMENT PROSPECTS APPEAR TO BE EXCEEDINGLY LIMITED. AFGHAN EXPORT PRODUCTS (RAISINS, NUTS AND SEEDS) HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY UNCOMPETITIVE IN RECENT YEARS AS PRICES OF PRODUCTION HAVE RISEN AND QUALITY DROPPED. THE REGIME CONTINUES TO PLACE BUREAUCRATIC BARRIERS IN THE WAY OF BUSINESSMEN THROUGH RAMPANT CORRUPTION AND INEFFICIENCY. POOR COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AND AN INADEQUATE AND GENERALLY INSECURE TRANSPORT NETWORK

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RESULT IN UNACCEPTABLE DELAYS IN SHIPMENT OF THE AFGHAN PRODUCTS.)

12. (U) ROAD SECURITY: RESIDENTS OF BAMIYAN CLAIM THAT TRAVEL ON THE ROAD FROM THAT TOWN THROUGH JALALE TO KABUL IS NOW RELATIVELY EASY BUT THAT MUJAHIDIN CONTROL THE ENTIRE ROUTE TO CONJUNCTION WITH THE KABUL-TO-BANDARAH

ROAD. "TAXES" IMPOSED BY VARIOUS MUJAHIDIN GROUPS WHICH CONTROL DIFFERENT SECTIONS OF THE ROUTE ARE MODERATE.

13. (U) HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS: ICRC SOURCES IN KABUL HAVE CONFIRMED THAT WHILE REGIME OFFICIALS HAVE PROVIDED VERBAL ASSURANCES REGARDING INITIATION OF ICRC PRISON VISITS BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY, THE REGIME HAS BEEN UNWILLING TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT TO THAT EFFECT. IN JANUARY 1987, PRIME MINISTER KESHIMAND PROVIDED SIMILAR VERBAL ASSURANCES PROMPTING THE ICRC TO ANNOUNCE PUBLICLY THAT IT WOULD SHORTLY BEGIN CARRYING OUT ITS PROPOSED PROTECTION MANDATE IN AFGHANISTAN. REGIME OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, RENEGED, REFUSING TO PERMIT THE ICRC ACCESS TO PRISONERS UNDER THE CONDITIONS IT TRADITIONALLY OPERATES. INSUING NEGOTIATIONS OVER ICRC ACCESS TO PRISONERS DROPE DOWN IN LATE SPRING, 1987.

14. (U) MEDIA:

A. MEDIA TREATMENT OF THE SHEVARDNADEZ VISIT: THE JANUARY 4-5 VISIT OF SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER SHEVARDNADEZ RECEIVED LITTLE MEDIA COVERAGE UNTIL AFTER HE DEPARTED KABUL. THERE WERE NO PHOTOGRAPHS OR TELEVISION COVERAGE OF HIS ARRIVAL OR DEPARTURE. ON JANUARY 5, MEDIA TELEVISION NEWS SUMMARIZED HIS

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ACTIVITIES WITH A ONE SENTENCE COMMENT. HIS DEPARTURE
RECEIVED HEAVY MEDIA COVERAGE.
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B. FRENCH JOURNALIST SENTENCED: REGIME MEDIA REPORTED

ON JANUARY 3 THAT FRENCH JOURNALIST ALAIN GUILLO WAS

SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS IN PRISON, FOLLOWING A ONE-DAY

TRIAL TO WHICH CONSULAR OFFICERS FROM THE FRENCH EMBASSY

WERE NOT PERMITTED ACCESS. GUILLO WAS CONVICTED OF

ILLEGAL ENTRY INTO AFGHANISTAN AND FOR SPYING AND

SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

C. TARGETING OF WESTERN JOURNALISTS: THE REGIME

CAPTURES AND KILLINGS OF WESTERN JOURNALISTS IN

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AFGHANISTAN WAS APPLAUDED IN A JANUARY 12 KABUL NEW TIMES COMMENTARY WHICH CLAIMED THAT MOPPING UP OPERATIONS OF THE "WESTERN SPIES AND SALOTEURS" HAD BEEN MEETING WITH SUCCESS.

1. ERMACORA VISIT: HUMAN RIGHTS RAFFORTIEUR FELIX ERMACORA WHO ARRIVED IN KABUL JANUARY 3 HAS BEEN EXTENSIVELY COVERED BY THE REGIME MEDIA WHICH SHOW HIM IN A SEEMINGLY ENDLESS ROUND OF MEETINGS WITH REGIME OFFICIALS AND REGIME-ORGANIZED GROUPS. ERMACORA DID NOT INTEND TO VISIT PRISONS OR ATTEMPT TO SEE PRISONERS. HE TRAVELED WIDELY IN AREAS CONTROLLED BY THE REGIME INCLUDING ANDAFAR, SPIN BULDAK, JALALABAD, ISLAM GARA, AND HERAT. HE VISITED MOST IN A MOVE WHICH SHOULD HELP DEMONSTRATE THE REGIME'S CURRENT CONTROL OF THE TOWN AND THE TOWN'S AIRPORT.

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2. KABUL "GLASNOST": THE LOCAL LANGUAGE PRESS CONTINUES TO RUN CRITICAL STORIES COVERING REGIME INSTITUTIONS AND ACTIVITIES. DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY, ONE NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED AN ACCOUNT OF AN INVESTIGATION OF BAKERIES THAT SELL UNDER-SIZE BREAD. CRITICISM INCLUDED BOTH THE BAKERIES AND THE REGIME OFFICE CHARGED WITH MONITORING THEM. THE KABUL PRESS ALSO HAS CRITICIZED THE STATE INSTITUTION WHICH CARES FOR THE MENTALLY ILL, RETARDED AND DESTITUTE. SINCE THE LOTA JIRGA, NOVEMBER 29-30, SUCH ARTICLES AS WELL AS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR CRITICAL OF REGIME OFFICIALS HAVE BECOME RELATIVELY COMMON IN THE LOCAL PRINT MEDIA.

3. PUNJAB PROVINCE ATTACK: THE REGIME CLAIMED THAT MUJAHIDIN, IN EARLY JANUARY, ROCKETED NAWAZAD AND KALAH-I-OLIA, VILLAGES NEAR ASADABAD, THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL.

4. REGIME MEDIA REPEAT COVERAGE OF SURRENDERING MUJAHIDIN: A GROUP OF MUJAHIDIN WHICH ALLEGEDLY SURRENDERED IN THE QARABAGH AREA OF THE SICHALI WAS PHOTOGRAPHED IN THE KABUL NEW TIMES ON DECEMBER 23, DECEMBER 26 AND JANUARY 3. WHILE THE PHOTOGRAPHS WERE DIFFERENT, APPARENTLY INTENDING TO SUGGEST DIFFERENT GROUPS, INDIVIDUALS IN EACH PHOTOGRAPH COULD BE IDENTIFIED AS BEING INCLUDED IN THE OTHER GROUP PHOTOGRAPHS.

17. (C) NOT TO BE PRINTED TO PRESS:

REGIME ALTERS STAND ON WITHDRAWAL TIMETABLE?

18. PROPOSES A TEN-MONTE WITHDRAWAL TIMETABLE? THE REGIME

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1. ILPA FACTIONALISM: SENIOR KHALQI FIGURES GULABZOI,

MAHANGAR, AND TANAI REPORTEDLY HAVE TOLD SHEVARDNADZE

THEY WISH TO CONTINUE THE WAR. NUR, ZEARY, AND LAIQ

REPORTEDLY ARE REMAINING ALOOF FROM PARTY AFFAIRS.

MAJIDULLAH IS ATTEMPTING TO DEVELOP A POLITICAL BASE

IN THE MINISTRY OF STATE SECURITY FROM WHICH HE

RECENTLY HAS DISMISSED OVER 2,000 SUPPORTERS.

2. SOVIET REFINERY IN OPERATION: A SOVIET-BUILT

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MAZAR-I-SHARIF IN MAZAR-I-SHARIF HAS JUST BEGUN OPERATIONS.

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1. SHEVARDNADZE MEETS WITH SOVIET GENERALS: A RELIABLE
DIPLOMAT REPORTS THAT DURING HIS VISIT TO KABUL,
SHEVARDNADZE MET WITH SOVIET GENERALS AND OTHER SENIOR
SOVIET OFFICERS.

2. RA-VIETNAMESE AGREES: A RELIABLE DIPLOMAT REPORTS
THAT, ACCORDING TO DRAFT TALKING POINTS PREPARED BY

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THE REGIME FOR TALKS WITH VIETNAMESE LEADERS IN HANOI
DURING NAJIBULLAH'S LATE DECEMBER VISIT TO VIETNAM, THE
RA AND VIETNAMESE WERE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT ON VIETNA-
MESE TRAINING OF POLITICAL AND MILITARY SPECIALISTS
INCLUDING POLITICAL OFFICERS FOR THE RA MILITARY AND
GENERAL PARTY CADRE. THE VIETNAMESE AND RA WERE ALSO
TO EXCHANGE DELEGATIONS IN THE FIELDS OF AGRICULTURE,
INDUSTRY, AND MEDICINE. THE RA WAS ALSO PREPARED TO
DISCUSS WITH HANOI THE CONVENING OF AN INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON NATIONAL RECONCILIATION.

3. CIVIL AIR EXPANSION: TWO BRITISH LABOR MP'S (FAR LEFT)
VISITING KABUL REPORTEDLY WILL PRESS THE THATCHER
GOVERNMENT TO PERMIT RESUMPTION OF BAHIAIR FLIGHTS TO
LONDON.

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